(d) Approach to the Eleventh Five Year Plan is to encourage the organised sector to employ more labour and simultaneously, to improve labour productivity in the unorganised sector. It aims at making employment generation an integral part of the growth process and devise strategies to accelerate not only growth of employment but also of wages of poorly paid.

Efforts are also being made to identify and implement systemic reforms in administration of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) so as to facilitate closer interaction with the industry in order to improve quality of training, make the graduates better employable and help them earn decent wages.

Increase in child labour despite ban

1343. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the instances of child labour are increasing despite a ban on it in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the National Human Rights Commission has issued notices to some State Governments in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the funds released and utilized for abolition of child labour during each of the last three years, State-wise, programme-wise and its impact on the said programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986, employment of children is prohibited in 15 occupations and 57 processes. However, Child Labour is a complex socio-economic problem, which needs sustained efforts over a long period of time. Considering the nature and magnitude of the problem, Government is following a sequential approach of first covering the children working in hazardous occupations/processes. Census is the most authentic data on child labour in the country. As per Census 2001, there are 12.6 million working children in country out of which about 12 lakhs are working in hazardous occupations/processes.

(c) and (d) Based on their reviews, the National Human Rights Commission from time to time issues notices to various State Governments. The State Governments are required to submit their action taken reports directly to the NHRC.

(e) Government is implementing the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme for the rehabilitation of children withdrawn from work in 250 districts in the country. Under the Scheme, children withdrawn from work put into Special Schools where they are provided accelerated bridging education, vocational training, stipend, nutrition and health care facilities etc. Under the Scheme, so far, 4.57 lakh children have been mainstreamed into regular education system. In addition, another project, namely INDUS Child Labour Project is being implemented since 2004 in collaboration with the US Department of Labour in 21 districts of the country. Children mainstreamed under INDUS Project so far are 18,961. Details of grants released under these Schemes during last three years is given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Details of the grants released to States during last three years (2004-2007) *under NCLP and Indus Project*

(Rupees in crores) (Approx)(NCLP)

Sl. No.	Name of the State	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
1.	Andhra Pradesh	23.22	21.16	14.16
2.	Assam	0.06	1.25	1.24
3.	Bihar	2.82	4.33	14.27
4.	Chhattisgarh	2.30	3.68	3.11
5.	Gujarat	0.21	0.44	1.55
6.	Goa	0.06	0	0
7.	Haryana	0.04	0.17	0
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	0.04	0.06	0
9.	Jharkhand	1.93	3.73	1.84
10.	Karnataka	3.31	5.06	5.25
11.	Madhya Pradesh	4.45	3.68	2.94
12.	Maharashtra	1.68	1.92	2.78
13.	Orissa	13.13	13.44	11.07
14.	Punjab	1.84	1.55	0.90
15.	Rajasthan	4.43	6.86	11.63
16.	Tamil Nadu	7.25	9.84	6.27
17.	Uttar Pradesh	7.54	15.19	18.66
18.	Uttaranchal	0	0.06	0
19.	West Bengal	7.42	8.31	9.91

(Rupees in crores) (Approx) (INDUS)

Sl. No.	Name of the State	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
1.	Maharashtra	1.72	2.79	2.21
2.	Madhya Pradesh	2.01	2.91	2.12
3.	Tamil Nadu	2.38	2.56	1.90
4.	Uttar Pradesh	3.89	4.00	4.51

Revised Integrated Housing Schemes for beedi workers in Kerala

1344. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether applications have been received from the Government of Kerala pertaining to the construction of houses under the Revised Integrated Housing Schemes, 2005 for Beedi workers and others;